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THE BOALSBURG TAVERN
Boalsburg, Centre County
Pennsylvania

Owner: Col. Theodore Davis Boal.

Date of Erection: 1819.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Partially destroyed by fire in 1934.

Number of Stories: Two, and basement.

Materials of Construction: Stone.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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The following data has been furnished by Mr. William Stuart, of Boalsburg, Pa. Mr. Stuart is a great-grandson of the original owner of the Tavern.

The Boalsburg Tavern, now owned by Col. Theodore Davis Boal, and occupied by Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, was built in 1819.

Fire in February, 1934, completely destroyed the roof and third floor, with much of the first and second floors ruined by smoke and water.

The Tavern was built in 1819; Col. James Johnson, a farm owner, being the original owner.

Owners or occupants:

James Johnson 1819, son of Col Johnson.
James Jack
Samuel Stover
James T. Stuart 1886, grandson of Col. Johnson.
Oliver Gibboney 1902
Col. Theodore Davis Boal 1904

It is not definitely known if the east end, or residence portion, was built at the same time as the tavern, but there is no doubt that the ornamental cornice on that portion is original; but the heavy bracketted cornice of the tavern was built at some later date.

Nothing is known of the original builders or architects.
Dean E. Kennedy, author. Approved by Charles M. Stotz, Dist. Officer